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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor or inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING A STABLE SKIN CARE COMPOSITION

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the specification of which (check is attached hereto. was filed on January 22, 2002 as United States Application one) [x]

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(if applicable) - I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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